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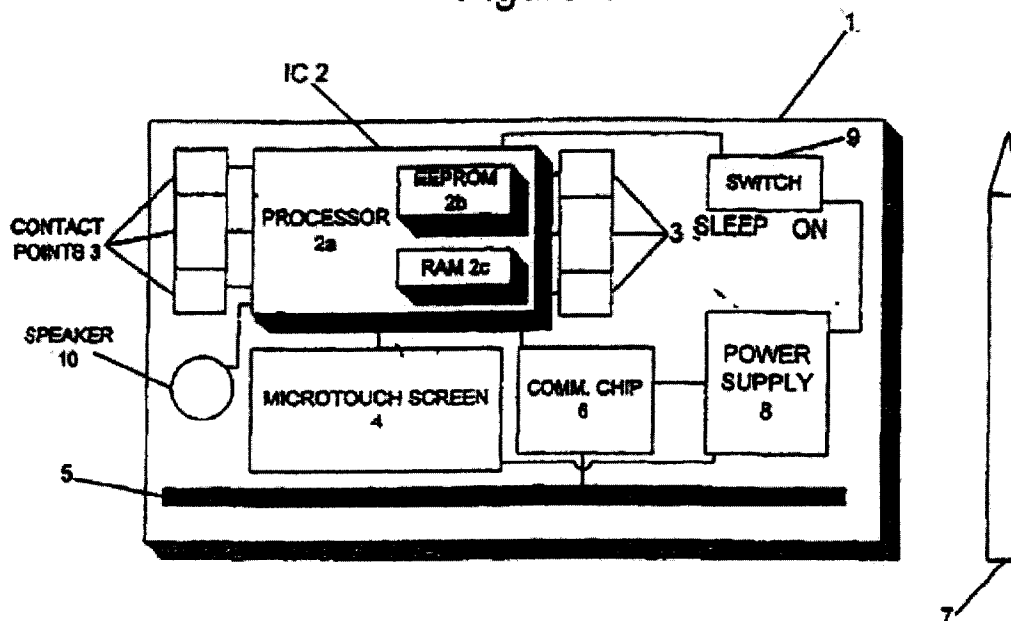
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(54) **Advanced plastic card for financial and informational transactions**

(57) The present invention is an improvement to plastic cards such that a cardholder may use his card as a stand alone device to receive and transmit messages as well as to make financial transactions and inquiries. The card is implemented with a touch screen, a processor and memories. The cardholder uses the

touch screen to input data into the processor and receive data from the processor. The card is also implemented with an antenna and a communications circuit for wireless communications. To support the functionality of the card, a server is also described to assist in handling messages and financial transactions.

Figure 1



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